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Fort Erie Secondary School teachers and students, along with Peter Koutroulakis from the Old Bank Bistro at a fundraising dinner held on Wednesday, to support an educational trip that will be taken by students during March Break.

Getting a taste

Students take over local restaurant to raise money for cruise

Kris Dubé
The Times

Culinary students at Fort Erie Secondary School (FESS) aren't growing their skills by simply trying new recipe books or chopping onions.

It has gone beyond that for most of them.

On Wednesday evening, over a dozen students from the high skills specialist hospitality and tourism program at FESS got an even bigger taste of what a busy night in the industry is like, even more than they do when about 30 guests at the Pomegranate Restaurant are welcomed on a weekly basis during the school year.

At the Old Bank Bistro on Jarvis Street, students, with help from teachers and restaurant staff, put on a full course meal for 95 invited guests, to raise money for an educational cruise and vacation they will embark on during March break.

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Old Bank Bistro owner Peter Koutroulakis, left, Fort Erie Secondary School student Samantha Renshaw and teacher Dave Cottingham with a plate of coconut shrimp and jerk chicken, served with grilled pineapple and papaya salsa.

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An experience to remember

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Before the dinner was served, teacher Afshin Keyvani said the event was the last-dish effort to bring in funds for the trip, which will cost students about \$1,800 when all is said and done.

"We just want to bring the price down for all the students," said Keyvani.

Connie Engels, head of the co-operative education program at the local high school, said this opportunity is unique and that being able to serve almost 100 people in a popular local restaurant will be a great experience for the students that are serious about furthering their career in this field.

Kitchen staff, the restaurant's owner Peter Koutroulakis, experienced servers... there were many people on hand to help the evening run as smooth as possible.

"They have a lot of experi-

ence in the room with them that they normally wouldn't have," said Engels, who is very appreciative of the restaurant owner's gesture of closing down his business to the general public for a full night.

"It's a major commitment on his behalf," she added.

Keyvani is also grateful for some of the former students who came back to town for the evening, as well as anyone else who was involved with making the evening a success.

"Everybody is coming together," he said.

Engels' position at the school means she is in regular dialogue with people all over the District School Board of Niagara and the one thing she says always stands out about Fort Erie, is how open and receptive businesses and organizations are when it comes to accepting students for placements, or just receiving support for co-operative education.

She says that in other areas, some of her colleagues have difficulty finding positions for students but in Fort

Erie it is never much of a problem.

"Everywhere I go, I don't have that problem... in such a small town too," she said.

"This is a huge example of how our town does this."

Grade 11 student Samantha Renshaw was getting excited for the big evening, about an hour before some of the guests would be arriving.

"It's going to be a lot different than what we're used to and it's going to be a great experience," she said.

As for the trip in March, that too will be a moment she can cherish for a life time, she said.

"It will be something I'll always remember."

Old Bank Bistro owner Peter Koutroulakis said closing his restaurant for the evening, was really like opening a door for the students... giving them the opportunity to get a different hands on experience of working a busier night than what they are used to.

"I especially like helping the younger generation figure out if the hospitality industry is their career path," said Koutroulakis.

Growing up in Greater Fort Erie, he said many of his friends moved off to bigger cities elsewhere in the world to move on with their careers.

If he can help inspire some of the students to consider looking locally, then he is all for it.

"Partnering with FESS, I may help some aspiring chefs or restaurant management students go off to a college and come back close to home to pay a good paying job in their field," he said.

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Second billboard near Peace Bridge shot down

Kris Dubé
The Times

The potential of distraction is one reason that caused council to vote in favour of not erecting a billboard to be erected on Queen Street.

The purpose of the digital sign was to capture the eyes of motorists crossing back into Canada over the Peace Bridge... and at Monday's council-in-committee meeting, the issue was debated for almost three hours.

An owner of property on Queen Street requested council's consideration of providing a variance to the Town's sign by-law, which states "no new billboard sign shall be located within 200 metres of any existing billboard sign."

There is already an existing digital billboard within that 200 metres, which stands on property owned by the Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority (PBA).

The proposed sign was met with opposition from members of council, the PBA's general manager Ron Rienas and representatives from Pattison Outdoor Advertising, the company that owns the billboard near the mouth of the

Peace Bridge.

Concerns of driver distraction were in front of the line, followed by the allegation that allowing the sign to be erected outside of the rules written in the Town's by-law, would set a precedent for other advertising companies who may want to put up a product.

Steve McGregor, vice-president of leasing and operations from Pattison, said if council did allow the sign to be installed, there would be no reason for his company or other competitors to knock on the Town's door, asking for relief from what is written in the municipality's by-law... especially since there is an 80-metre difference in where the sign is proposed to be set and what the by-law reads.

"We believe this is not a minor variance... it's major," he said.

Ron Rienas, PBA general manager, incidentally was the town planner that wrote the by-law back in 1999. He agreed that if this variance was permitted, similar requests would pour in.

"Where do you draw the line?" he said before council.

Ward 1 Coun. Stephen Passero also feels that providing this relief is not the direc-



This is like taking the by-law and throwing it out the window."

— Ward 1 Coun.
Stephen Passero

tion to take, saying that the municipality's by-laws are formed to keep rules and regulations in place and shouldn't be broken, only following a request from one party.

"This is like taking the by-law and throwing it out the window," said Passero.

Mayor Doug Martin feels it should be considered that one of the main reasons the by-law was written in 1999, was to avoid congestion of advertising signage in Greater Fort Erie's heavily travelled areas. In his opinion, allowing this sign would contradict that ideal.

"That's not my vision for Fort Erie," said Martin.

By the end of the discussion, council voted to not permit the sign.

Accreditation dinner



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Jason Anderson and Tony Hill line-up at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71 on Tuesday, during Community Living Fort Erie's accreditation dinner. The local non-profit organization was presented with the status by Focus Accreditation, as many employees and individuals supported by the group gathered for a dinner. Board of directors president Tom Kilner accepted the accreditation certificate on behalf of the organization. "It is with great pride that we can say with confidence that Community Living Fort Erie provides quality services," he said.

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School closures one step closer to reality

Kris Dubé
The Times

The District School Board of Niagara (DSBN)'s accommodation review committee is one step closer to closing two local schools and moving students under one roof at General Vanier Public School.

On Wednesday evening, the committee approved a list of recommendations, that will be presented to the DSBN board on Feb. 14.

If the board approves the recommendations made by the committee, Fort Erie Elementary School will be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2013 and students residing south of the Queen Elizabeth Way, along with those that use the special needs program, will be re-located to Garrison Road Public School. Remaining students from Fort Erie Elementary will be re-directed to General Vanier Public School, on Torrance

Street.

Rose Seaton Public School will be closed for instructional purposes as of August 31, 2013 and students who would attend class there, will be re-located to General Vanier.

The Parent and Family Literacy Centre, currently at Rose Seaton Public School, will be re-located to General Vanier.

The current gymnasium at General Vanier Public School will be retrofitted into three classrooms and two classrooms, along with a new gymnasium and changeroom that will be built onto General Vanier.

Administration and staff areas will be retrofitted to accommodate the needs of school administration and staff.

A bus drop off area will also be part of the plans.

The proposed changes haven't been met without criticism, especially from a group of parents whose children attend Rose Seaton Public School.

Mark Brooks sits on the

parent council at the local elementary school on Emerick Street, and he is not pleased with the direction the committee appears to be heading in.

Since the committee held its first meeting in November 2011, he and a group of other concerned parents have opposed the potential closure of Rose Seaton.

He feels amalgamation is the right way to go, but does not agree that moving students under one roof at General Vanier specifically, is the answer.

"From the beginning, I've understood that there are three schools that are under-utilized," said Brooks on Wednesday night.

"It only makes fiscal, common sense to combine all the schools," he added.

But his reservations about the changes fall on the fact that Rose Seaton is one of the schools that will likely close its doors.

In his opinion, Fort Erie Elementary and Rose Seaton are in good enough



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— Rose Seaton parent
Mark Brooks

shape and have the capacity to be considered as the chosen location once the amalgamation comes into effect.

"We don't need to build a new school, we already have schools in existence that the children can fit in," said Brooks.

Since his children will have moved on to high school once the changes are put in place, he said his concerns come more as a resident of the north end, that will lose two

schools with one swipe of the pen when the process is done.

"It really doesn't affect me on an emotional level."

Dave Schaubel, Fort Erie and Port Colborne's trustee at the DSBN said he appreciates the passion and dedication that parents like Brooks have displayed throughout the input process.

But he feels the focus of the dialogue should be more about what will take place in the schools, instead of how neighbourhoods will be impacted by the closure of schools.

"It's more about programming than it is about the community, but schools are part of the community and I get that as well," said Schaubel.

On Feb. 14, the recommendations approved by the committee will be taken to all DSBN trustees and he expects all the input heard until this point will be considered.

"Hopefully, it will all be taken into account."

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Audits of five members of the current council and the runner up in the October 2010 mayoral race have been completed.

The Niagara Compliance Audit Committee will hold two meetings later this month, to go over the reports that have been filed into the campaign expenses of councillors Don Lubberts, John Hill, Paul Collard, Stephen Passero, mayor Doug Martin and Anne-Marie Noyes, a 13-year councillor who fell short in her bid for mayor in the last election.

On Tuesday Feb. 28, a meeting on the reports related to expenses of John Hill, Don Lubberts and Paul Collard will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers at Town Hall.

On Wednesday, Feb. 29, at the same location and time, audit findings of Stephen Passero, mayor Doug Martin and Anne-Marie Noyes will be heard.

The meetings are open to the public, which will debate the severity of each candidates' potential contravention of the Ontario Municipal Act.

Bay Beach hits court room

The Bay Beach debate took a drive up the Queen Elizabeth Way on Wednesday, to a courtroom in Toronto.

An Ontario Superior Court Judge heard arguments from the Town of Fort Erie, the Molinaro Group and the lawyer representing a group of plaintiffs who oppose the private-public partnership between the Town of Fort Erie and a private developer, to build a 12-storey condo building on the south side of Erie Road, at the entrance to Bay Beach, which is also known as Crystal Beach.

The plaintiffs are challenging the purchase and sale agreement between the municipality and the developer, saying it should be null and void, after claiming it was done illegally.

Mayor Doug Martin was in attendance at the hearing and informed the Times that the judge has not rendered a decision, but one will arrive shortly.

"He didn't say how long, but he said he'd do it as quickly as he can," said Martin.

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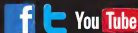
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our editorial

Have a heart during February

On Tuesday, many hearts will be fluttering with the promise of sharing romance, delicious goodies and Valentine's Day cards.

On Valentine's Day, why not take the time to think about the importance of having a loving and healthy heart.

February is Heart Month and the Heart and Stroke Foundation has set a goal to have Canadians take 1 million actions by the end of the month to make heart wait.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation has a list of food ideas and activities on their web site to help people live healthier lifestyles.

The foundation hopes to reduce deaths caused by heart disease and stroke by 25 per cent before 2020—that represents about 25,000 lives being saved each year.

By now, many people have seen the foundation's uncomfortable Make Death Wait campaign on television which has sparked a lot of controversy.

The commercials depict death stalking men and women, young and old, while performing routine activities. The

goal of the campaign is to ask people to help support the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The foundation says more than 50,000 strokes, 70,000 heart attacks and up to 45,000 cardiac arrests occur every year and the incidence of stroke is expected to double within the next ten years.

Canadian children are the first generation that will most likely live shorter lives than their parents.

Keeping this last fact in mind, help support the Heart and Stroke Foundation and keep your hearts healthy.

This Valentine's Day, make a nutritious meal, take a long romantic walk and keep your hearts healthy for a long time.

—Sarah Ferguson

Local art scene thrives with talent and creativity to enjoy



Sarah Ferguson
Reporter's Notebook

Fort Erie is bustling at the seams with so much talent, creativity and art that many people might not even realize it.

Having grown up in this town, I remember all-too-

well saying to my friends and my parents that "there is nothing to do."

But, now I know that's not the case—there is plenty of things to do and it was all right here under my nose.

It seems to me when people think about where all of the top artists, musicians and writers work and live, they are usually found in big cities such as Toronto or New York City.

That may be true to some extent, but I think Fort Erie has an excellent opportunity for people with an artistic flair to leave an impact on the world.

Just look at what is happening in Ridgeway.

The Sanctuary Centre for the Arts is a community based art gallery and performing arts centre and it's located in the heart of downtown



Do You Remember?

Thanks to Tim Morin, Rob Marino and Roy DeRiviere for identifying last week's photo of two hospital workers picketing Douglas Memorial Hospital. From left to right, Bob Fillpewicz and Roy DeRiviere were

amongst other provincial non-medical workers ordered back to work by a court injunction Feb. 1981. The four day strike affected fifty-six of Ontario's sixty-five hospitals.

This week's photo

shows a happy couple either tying the knot or celebrating a wedding anniversary. If you know who they are please call the Museum at 894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.on.ca

Ridgeway. The Sanctuary always has a number of free or easily affordable events and many artists from amateurs to professionals have the chance to showcase their work in a local and intimate setting.

Let's not forget the Sanctuary also has plenty of entertainment for those who are looking for it.

An up-and-coming indie band based out of

Toronto known as The Balconies are performing on Feb 18 at the Sanctuary.

On March 3, USS and the Lucky Ones, two great rock bands will perform an intimate set at the Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary also holds a series of workshops including a five-week life drawing workshop and even a belly dancing workshop.

Then there is the opportunity for aspiring actors by acting or volunteering through Fort Erie's own distinguished community theatre—the Garrison Little Theatre (GLT).

For anyone looking for some quality entertainment, the GLT has an exciting set of shows lined up for February, April and June.

Opinion page

Parent Council concerned about potential changes to school system

Dear Editor,

We are the parents of The Rose Seaton School Parent Council. We are firm believers in the public school system and we applaud the current District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) and the work they are doing with our children.

We are writing to you in regard to the DSBN Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and the recommendation to close Rose Seaton and Fort Erie Public Schools, and the decision to renovate and expand General Vanier School.

First, we must say, we agree that the closure of schools make sense, financially, and for the sake of the children. The three schools are at partial capacity, and there are not enough children in each school to run programs, such as sports teams and clubs. Combining the schools to create a larger school population will only benefit the children. We believe in positive change.

However, we do feel that closing Rose Seaton School is a tragedy. Rose Seaton is the newest of the three schools, built in 1984. It has the capacity now, to accommodate all of the approximate 320 children the ARC plans to house at the General Vanier site. Rose Seaton was originally built to accommodate 365 children, with sufficient parking to accommo-

date the teaching staff. 150 children could remain as walking students to the school. The children of Rose Seaton currently have a beautiful library, and a large computer room. We understand that there is current plans in place to install an elevator and make the school wheelchair accessible for a cost of about \$350 000, and busing lanes already exist on Linerick St.

The Rose Seaton option has not been publicly discussed at the DSBN ARC meetings.

However, the DSBN ARC has recommended keeping General Vanier School open. The school was built in 1955, and in need of great repair. The committee plans to spend multi-millions of dollars to accommodate the 320 children, in a school designed for 216 children. The school will need to add five classrooms, and possibly a sixth. Three of which, will be in the current gym. They will need to expand the parking lot, as it is too small, and the committee has planned to implement a bus turn around and loading zone on Champlain Ave, a dead end street. Over 200 children will need to be bused to the school site every day. The current plan removes the computer room from the children, as there isn't enough space, and it will be added to the library.

This recommendation will also leave the North End community of Fort Erie barren of any schools. It would

only be fair of us to mention, that The Fort Erie Elementary School also has the capacity now, and could house the 320 children. The North End has been hit hard over the past few decades, and this is yet another gut wrenching blow.

We have started a petition to save Rose Seaton School, several local businesses have helped us out, and have been going door to door to collect signatures. The response has been overwhelmingly positive. The petition to keep Rose Seaton open will be delivered to the DSBN Board and Trustee meeting on February 14.

Perhaps we can break the DSBN ARC decision, and come up with a new solution, that benefits all the schools, and the entire west end of Fort Erie.

When this process began, we were told we had a say. We were told we mattered. Yes, the public has been invited to the committee meetings, but this is far from a public process. The public, and our Council, is not even allowed to ask questions at the meetings. We feel ignored. We feel we have been muzzled. We feel helpless.

Rose Seaton Public School
Parent Council

The TIMES Asks

What are you looking forward to most on Valentine's Day?



Frankie Brigantino



Gabriel Demizio



Claudio Costa



Madison Tartaglia

"It's nice to share a gift. I will give a gift to my teacher, my family and my friends."

"Just giving and getting special Valentine's cards to show everyone cares for each other."

"I'm looking forward to being with my family and getting Valentine's Day treats."

"We give out cards to our class and we get lots of treats and candies."

What do you think?

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Garrison Little Theatre a local creative asset

From Page 6

The first show is Don't Dress for Dinner hits the stage next week. It's a story about a man, his wife, his mistress and her love and I am assured by director Zdenka Cole it will be a non-top laugh riot.

The GLT is an excellent chance to have a romantic night out, or the perfect evening with friends while enjoying an entertaining story on stage and you don't have to travel very far to take advantage of it.

With the upcoming bicen-

tennial celebrations of the War of 1812, a new theatre called the

Dominion Repertory Theatre was formed to help kick off the national event.

It is yet another example of artists working together to create something to share with the community.

The new theatre recently completed a run of its first production called The Lion and the Eagle and the story is loosely based on actual people events and locations during the War of 1812 and it captured the feelings and emotions people felt just

prior to the outbreak of war in 1812.

I've just given three examples of what's out there in Fort Erie's arts scene and I am sure there are hundreds of aspiring artists, musicians, painters, writers, actors, and directors who still haven't made their debut yet.

So next time you hear anyone say "Gee, I wish there was something to do in Fort Erie," you can say this.

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(1) LOOKING FOR SUMMER WORK?

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(2) NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

APPLICANT/OWNER: 456941 ONTARIO LTD.

Application: 350309-0339

DATE: March 5, 2012
TIME: 6:00PM
LOCATION: TOWN HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PROPOSED CHANGE

A Zoning By-law Amendment application has been received for the Allison Woods West Draft Plan of Subdivision, which was approved in 2001. A Public Meeting on the application was held on November 7, 2011. The applicant has acquired additional lands since the Public Meeting and has submitted a request to amend their application to include these additional lands. To meet a condition of Draft Plan approval, the applicant must rezone the lands in accordance with the Draft Plan. The applicant is requesting that the lands be rezoned from a Neighbourhood Development (ND) Zone to a site-specific Residential Multiple RM1 Zone (Part 1) and to an Open Space OS1 Zone (Part 2). The site-specific Residential Multiple RM1 Zone will modify provisions relating to lot frontage, lot area, front, side and rear yard setbacks, planting strip requirements, and lot coverage.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the Public Meeting or by signing a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do one of the above, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

WRITTEN SUBMISSION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter c/o the Town Clerk Carolyn Kett, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6.



MORE INFORMATION

For further information please contact Kim Dolan, Manager of Development Approvals at (905) 871-1600 extension 2502. A copy of the information report will be available to the public on **March 2, 2012**. The information report will be available in the Council agenda portion of the Town's Web Site: www.town.forterie.on.ca or from the Community and Development Services Department.

PLANNING ACT LEGAL NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

The Town of Fort Erie has not yet made a decision regarding this application. After considering any written comments and the comments from the public meeting, Council-in-Committee at this meeting will consider a recommendation report on the Zoning By-law Amendment application.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town of Fort Erie to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Fort Erie before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board, unless in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you do not attend the public meeting but wish to be notified of the adoption of the Zoning By-law Amendment, you are required to make a written request to the Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk and such request should include the name and address to which such notice should be sent.

Dated this 11th day of February, 2012

Carolyn Kett, Town Clerk • Rick Gray, Director of Community and Development Services

(3) COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES PUBLIC NOTICE - BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking individuals interested in serving the community by standing for appointment to boards and committees where vacancies currently exist (*Please see By-laws establishing each of the boards at the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Town Hall "C" for "Committees."*)

Expressions of interest for consideration of appointment to the below noted boards and committees are invited from residents/business owners. *Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Public Notices - Board and Committee Vacancies, or from the Clerk's Office* and will be received by the undersigned up to and including **Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**

(1) **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - One (1) citizen vacancy - Eight (8) citizen appointees, majority with disabilities and one (1) Member of Council. Purpose: To prepare an Accessibility Plan for all municipal properties, facilities and services as regulations prescribe for Council approval.

(2) **BRIDGESTONE STATION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT** - One (1) director vacancy. Pursuant to Section 10 of By-law No. 183-07, if a Board vacancy occurs for any cause, a person may be appointed by Council to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. Purpose: To improve, beautify and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Bridgestone Station Downtown B.I.A., promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain streetscape capital.

(3) **COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM COMMITTEE** - Five (5) citizen appointee vacancies. Purpose: To implement various programs, initiatives, events, promotional and education activities that encourage community participation in the program.

(4) **FORT ERIE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Two (2) citizen appointee vacancies and One (1) student from a secondary institution vacancy. Purpose: To provide a committee for residents, elected officials and health professionals to meet on a monthly basis for the purpose of improving conditions for people-powered transportation (walking, biking, rollerblading) for utilitarian and recreational purposes.

(5) **FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD** - One (1) citizen appointee vacancy. Purpose: To govern the affairs of the libraries including policy development and advocacy for the public library services in Fort Erie, all in accordance with the Public Libraries Act. Qualifications: Town of Fort Erie resident, Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age.

(6) **MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE / RAILROAD MUSEUM AND HERITAGE BUILDING DESIGNATION** - Three (3) citizen appointee vacancies. Purpose: This committee is comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) Museum Services and (2) Built Heritage. Members are needed with specific interest in the Fort Erie Railroad Museum and the 6218 steam engine; and interest in designating heritage homes, buildings and sites and advising on the Point Abino Lighthouse. Sub-committees meet approximately once a month. Current projects include developing an inventory of heritage homes, raising community awareness regarding the 6218 repair project, and maintaining existing cultural heritage services.

(7) **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Two (2) appointee vacancies from community at large (age 50 & over). Purpose: To establish a mechanism to fairly and equitably distribute financial assistance provided by the Town of Fort Erie for planning and hosting social events and to determine the need for increased senior citizen services.

This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk

Town of Fort Erie, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6

Application is available by email to clerk@forterie.on.ca or by fax to (905) 871-4022

Garrison Little Theatre getting dressed for upcoming production

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

It's a little bit cheeky, it's a little bit naughty and it even has a little hanky panky.

"It's got it all," says Zdenka Cole, director of the Garrison Little Theatre's production of 'Don't Dress for Dinner.'

The play, written by Marc Camoletti, is a comedy about a man, his wife, a mistress and her lover and it's set to debut at the Italo-Canadian Club on Feb. 24.

Filled with misunderstandings, mistaken identities and infidelity, the play has all the earmarks of a classic French farce to keep audiences laughing, says Cole.

Auditions for the show were completed just before Christmas and the cast of the production has been working hard since January to put it all together.

"We have a stellar cast of excellent actors who are having a lot of fun being creative and loving their characters."

Usually when she works on a comedy, Cole says there is less laughter at first, but after a while "the jokes aren't funny anymore."

But, with 'Don't Dress for Dinner,' Cole and her cast are still laughing each and every time they rehearse the play.

The production's cast features actors Dan Bennett, Darka Makarec, Lee Moffatt, new members Lou Bradley, June McGarvie and Mike Ceci.

The play is Cole's second attempt at writing and she is thrilled about what she, along with her crew of actors, will offer audiences.

"As a director, I am excited to watch how my vision unfolds on the stage and how it gels together. I'm excited to be able to offer audiences an evening of really good entertainment as well as a good dinner."

Because the comedy is well-written, clever and

full of laughs, Cole says she hopes it will keep bringing audiences back for more.

The director has a vast knowledge of theatre to help her direct the play—Cole has been actively involved in community theatre for the past 40 years and she has spent the last seven years at the Garrison Little Theatre wearing various hats as an actor, director and public relations director.

Before working at Fort Erie's community theatre, Cole was involved with the Czech Theatre in Toronto and she has travelled to various theatre festivals and performed more than 60 roles during her career as an actor.

Evening performances for 'Don't Dress for Dinner' at the Italo-Canadian Club are scheduled for Feb. 24, 25, 26, March 2 and 3. Tickets are \$39.55 including a full course dinner by Maria's Catering.

Tickets for a matinee on March 3 are \$22.60 and it includes lunch. For ticket information phone 905-871-3520 or visit Fort Erie Prints at 401 Garrison Rd.



Cast members of Garrison Little Theatre's upcoming production 'Don't Dress for Dinner' are Lou Bradley, Darka Makarec, Lee Moffatt, Dan Bennett, June McGarvie and Mike Ceci. The show opens on Feb. 24 at the Italo-Canadian Club.



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By Jason Delong
STAFF WRITER

Got gold? Next week, visitors can cash in on scrap gold, fine jewellery, silver and other precious metals.

Clean out your attics, closets and lock boxes, because the Treasure Hunters Roadshow is coming to **Fort Erie**. Roadshow specialists are in town examining gold and silver jewellery, old coins and more.

While the Roadshow will accept anything that's old and valuable, they will be focusing on: gold and silver coins made before 1968, U.S. coins made before 1970, military items, fine art, musical instruments, pocket and wrist watches. Scrap gold is expected to be a popular category this week due to soaring gold prices.

Buyers for the Roadshow have noticed a tremendous increase in the amount of gold coming to the shows, and for good reason. Record gold prices have Roadshow guests cashing in on broken or outdated jewellery with our fair and honest purchase offers.

The Roadshow encourages anyone planning a visit to take a minute and examine their jewellery box or their lock box at the bank and gather anything that is gold. If a

guest is not sure if something is gold, bring it anyway and the Roadshow staff will test it for free. Other gold items of interest include gold coins, gold ounces, gold proof sets and dental gold.

Other types of items Roadshow specialists hope to see include vintage guitars. Ryan Krushas, one of the Roadshow's instrument specialists, spoke about some of the top guitars getting great offers. "Old Gibsons and Fenders are in big demand right now," said Krushas, "vintage amps too. We also buy violins, mandolins, woodwinds – if it plays it pays!" Timepiece specialist Jeff Ford adds, "Watches are hot! We recently paid over \$2,500



Above—Roadshow specialist, Tony Enright, talks with a family about the gold jewellery that they brought in.

for an old Hamilton pocket watch. And we are buying all types of high-end wrist watches too. Brands like Rolex, Tiffany and Chapard are very desirable to collectors. And the finest Swiss timepiece in the world, Patek Philippe, just earned a happy seller \$42,000."

When specialist Tam Fuller was asked what he enjoyed most about working at the Roadshow, he was quick to answer, "Old coins and paper currency – for as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated with collecting

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coins. I would go through the change in my parents' grocery store, looking for rare dates and errors. Once, I found a silver quarter that I sold for \$300. Not bad for an 8 year old."

Fuller went on to explain that coins made before 1968 are the most sought after by collectors. U.S. coins made before 1965 are 90% silver. Coins can be valuable because of either the silver content or even more valuable if one happens to be a rare date. Fuller explained, "We help people sort through their coins for unique dates. We buy all types of coins at the Roadshow – from wheat pennies to buffalo nickels, and from single coins to entire truckloads. See you at the Roadshow."



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Leisureplex top performer in Canada

Kris Dubé
The Times

Fort Erie's one and only Leisureplex is the envy of arenas across the country.

For the past two years, the Town of Fort Erie has been participating in an energy and environmental benchmarking project conducted by the Canada Green Build Council.

The pilot project compared the performance of arenas across Canada to establish national performance and design standards

this high level of efficiency continues."

Acting chief administrative officer Ron Tripp said this a great achievement for the municipality.

"The Town continuously looks for process improvements in all levels of service provided. It is great news to hear that the Leisureplex is the top-rated performer in its field," said Tripp.

The Leisureplex will be profiled at an upcoming workshop hosted by the Canada Green Build Council, where national arena managers will discuss what

makes the Leisureplex successful.

In 1996, the facility opened, as a result of a number of strategic alliances including the E.J. Freeland Foundation's donation of land, the Lions, Jaycee and Kinsmen clubs, as well as many other service clubs and amateur sports organizations.

Funding for the construction of the Leisureplex included the sale of the East End Arena to the Buffalo-Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, along with funding from the provincial gov-

ernment.

With the donation of land from local philanthropist E. J. Freeland, there was no cost to the taxpayer to build the 125,000 square-foot facility.

The facility includes the Jaycee Arena and the Kinsmen Arena, an upper perimeter running track and skybox, a banquet hall that accommodates up to 500 people, a sports store, an arcade, a restaurant and pub.

The Leisureplex is also the location for the Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame.



The Fort Erie Leisureplex was recently named the most efficient arena in Canada by the Canada Green Build Council.

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— Ron Tripp

in recreation facilities.

After comparing sizes, amenities, operating seasons and local climate data, it was revealed that the Leisureplex, a twin-pad arena, was the top performing multi-use facility in the study.

There were 18 arenas that were considered in the study.

The Town's facilities manager Sean Hutton stated that "participating in this project has confirmed what we have known for several years... the Leisureplex was originally designed for energy efficiency and over the years has been upgraded and maintained to ensure that



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Historical Museum receives quite the 'lovely' artifact donation

The Fort Erie Historical Museum has a lot of love for a new item that was recently added to its col-

lection.

A wedding dress panel, with connections to the Wintemute family, dating

back to 1753, was recently donated by Claire Miller.

The panel, the bottom and hand-embroidered

portion of the original dress, was designed by Jane Wintemute for her 1753 wedding in Boston.

The dress was subsequently worn by several of her descendants and Mrs. Miller was looking to donate the artifact to a museum in southern Ontario, who could find a connection between a local resident and Jane Wintemute.

Since the museum's mandate is to collect artifacts pertaining to local history, research began to find a Fort Erie relative of Wintemute's who would have worn this wedding dress.

Assistant curator Jude Scott worked with volunteers to fill in the gaps of the local family's history.

A group effort is being attributed to the project's success, museum representative are saying.

Volunteer George Sherk uncovered the links between local Wintemute, Meyer and Raymond families.

Next, museum archives committee members Sharon Dell and Darla Love discovered that Edmond Raymond, who was born in Boston, mar-

ried Elizabeth Wintemute in 1800 in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The couple later had two daughters who married two Meyer brothers.

Volunteer Joyce Bell searched the Upper Canada Marriage Bonds on the web, which proved to be the key to uncovering the Fort Erie connection.

She found that Elizabeth and Edmond's daughter, Mary Grey Raymond, married George Edmond Meyer in 1830 in Bertie Township.

According to family history, the 1830 marriage of Jane Wintemute's great-great granddaughter, was the last time the dress was worn.

Through their historical detective work, museum volunteers linked Mary Grey-Raymond to Jane Wintemute and showed that Mary Grey was married in 1830 in Bertie Township, which resulted in the Fort Erie Historical Museum receiving the dress panel donation.

Rounding out the incredible volunteer contributions to the wedding dress effort, Vanessa Warner drove to Walkerton to pick up the 1753 artifact.

The embroidered wedding dress panel is on display at the Fort Erie Historical Museum, located at 402 Ridge Road, in Ridgeway.



Fort Erie Historical Museum volunteers Darla Love and Sharon Dell with a wedding dress panel that was worn in 1753 and has been donated to the museum.

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Construction crew hits gas line, area shut down for twelve hours

Kris Dubé
The Times

While working on an extensive sewer project along Garrison Road, a construction crew hit an eight-inch natural gas line on Monday morning, around 9:30 p.m.

The road was closed between Daytona and Crescent by Niagara Regional Police since the morning, until about 9 p.m. on Monday night.

Many businesses located in the area were advised to close for the day.

At Monday's council-in-committee meeting, direc-

tor of infrastructure services Tom Kuchyt explained that it was not known at that point if one of the workers had hit a gas main or a service line from the main.

There is one gas valve near Pettit Road and another one "at the other end of Garrison," he said.

Crews allowed the gas to

leak so nearby businesses wouldn't be without another utility, since the hydro was shut off immediately after the break had been detected.

A new tap has been installed and the break was fixed around 8:30 p.m. Power in the area was restored around 9:30 p.m.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

A Niagara Regional Police cruiser blocks traffic on Garrison Road on Monday.



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Event for Alivia's Rainbow's

Alivia's Rainbows is hoping to support Pediatric Oncology Patients and their families with a toonle raffle, silent auction and live music featuring Aura June at the Fort Erie Leisurplex Banquet Hall

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Concert at Salvation Army to address issue nobody 'wants to talk about'

Sarah Ferguson
Fort Erie Times

For just a few hours, there will be an inviting and positive atmosphere for teens to talk about an

important issue.

It's an issue that many face, but it has become a taboo subject no one seems to want to talk about.

That's why Nicole Smith, of the Well Spring

Community Church, has partnered with Fort Erie's Salvation Army to bring U R Worth More, a free concert, to encourage teens to talk about suicide through music.

More and more, children are beginning to have suicidal thoughts at an earlier age and it's not something that is easy to talk about, says Smith.

"The concert was born out of concern for teen suicide and self harm. We want to tell kids they have incredible value. They have value to their family, they have value to their community, they have value to their friends and they have value to their school."

The evening will feature a guest speaker, Pastor Thompson, of Welland, who will speak about how life is something sacred and why suicide prevention is important.

Those who attend will be able to listen to video testimonials of two teenage girls—one girl who has struggled with loss when her friend committed suicide and another girl who has battled with the thought of taking her own

life.

"These are powerful testimonials that will show kids they don't have to go through those dark thoughts alone."

Services such as the Kids Help Line and Hope Is Alive, the Salvation Army Suicide Prevention Services from Hamilton will also be available.

The evening will finish with the musical stylings of Hello Kelly, a rock band originally from Orangeville, Ont., who has since relocated to Nashville.

Hello Kelly is a family-friendly rock band which is sure to excite and thrill music lovers with their sound and their multimedia show, says Donna Paterson, community and family services manager, adding "the concert will be a light and sound show similar to something that would be seen in Toronto."

The manager of the local Salvation Army says it's

important for teens to be able to talk about issues such as suicide, but there isn't always a place where they feel safe to do it. That's why Paterson is hoping teens will attend the event.

"It's always been a vision and a dream of mine to do something like this for the youth, but we need to see people attend. We need kids to attend. There is support in the community and we need everyone to attend so we can show the community cares."

Smith says she often hears children and teens say there is "nothing to do" in Fort Erie, but she is hoping the youth in the community will enjoy good music and take advantage of the opportunity to talk if they need to.

U R Worth More will take place at the Fort Erie Salvation Army on Gilmore Road on Feb. 17 at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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From 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. parents and their children can skate for free at the Leisureplex, made possible by FACS.

The organization is also providing Family Day free skates in Port Colborne, Niagara Falls, Wainfleet, Niagara-on-the-Lake, St. Catharines and elsewhere in the region.

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KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

The Niagara Health System's medical director of oncology Dr. Janice Giesbrecht, second from left, presents a plaque to Susan Shular, Wendy Gibson and Debbie Wohl, of the Fort Erie Kinettes to thank the local club for its ten years of fundraising.

Hats of Hope thanked for ten years of dedication

Wendy Gibson never dreamed a chance meeting in a retail store ten years ago would end up bringing so much joy to cancer patients in Niagara.

Wendy was working at a store in Niagara-on-the-Lake when a woman who had lost her hair due to radiation treatments came in to purchase a hat.

"I felt badly that this woman had to take her wig off while she was shopping for a hat," says Wendy, founder of the Hats of Hope program.

"Since I have been a

Kinette for several years, I made it my mission to raise money and donate hats to the hospital."

On Thursday, Gibson and members of the Hats of Hope program were presented with a plaque from Dr. Janice Giesbrecht, medical director of the Niagara Health System's oncology program, for supporting cancer patients across the region for more than ten years.

Since the program was established, it has raised funds, purchased and distributed more than 5,000 designer hats to cancer

patients throughout Niagara at no cost to patients.

These funds are raised through golf tournaments and other charitable events.

The designer hats, created by a Niagara artist, are wrapped and distributed to cancer patients who receive their treatment through St. Catharines General Hospital or have heard about the cause.

"The response has been wonderful and the women are extremely grateful," she said.

Friendship Centre planning events for 1812 bicentennial

Sarah Ferguson
The Times

With celebrations for the War of 1812 bicentennial well underway, the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre is hoping to add another exciting event to the list.

The Friendship Centre will be hosting the Wampum Peace Run to recognize the contribution of Native people to the war effort.

Delmar Jacobs, who is helping to organize the run, says the event will be a three-day relay scheduled for June 18, 19 and 20 as part of the bicentennial celebrations.

The relay will begin at the Old Fort and runners will travel through Niagara Falls and finish in Niagara-on-the-Lake at Sir Isaac Brock's Monument in Queenstown Heights.

When participants finish at Brock's monument, they will be greeted by a group of Six Nations runners who have completed their own relay.

The relay is non-com-

petitive, says Jacobs, adding the event is meant to raise awareness of the native effort during the War of 1812.

"The event is about connecting people of native ancestors to their ancestors to fully understand and continue our way of life."

The Six Nations and native allies fought along side British forces and without their contribution, the War of 1812 could have ended differently and many people to this day still don't realize the impact the Six Nations have had on Canadian history, says Jacobs.

There are 39 spots where runners will stop along the route including Bridgeburg Station and the Railroad Museum in Fort Erie and Clifton Hill in Niagara Falls for water and many volunteers are needed to help hand out water to the participants.

The Friendship Centre is also looking for 50 to 60 runners over the age of 12 who can run at least one mile to par-

ticipate in the relay.

The centre recently held an open house to recruit runners for the event and Jacobs is hoping to recruit more people who are interested in participating.

"We need all kinds of help for this event and we need as many people as we can get."

Jacobs says he is hoping Fort Erie residents will come together to volunteer their time and to cheer on the runners during the race.

"If people want to get involved with planning the event, or getting involved the day of, it's best to contact us as soon as possible to let us know."

For more information about how to get involved with the Wampum Peace Run contact Annette Kerr, program coordinator, at the Friendship Centre by phone at 905-871-8931. Ext. 266.



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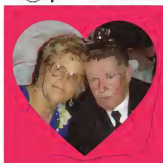


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million. It was a day to remember.
Carol House

Card of thanks

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Thank you to our family, friends and
co-workers for the overwhelming support,
flowers and donations during the loss of
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you to Darren Rugg of Benner Funeral
Services for his compassion and
generosity, and to Father Ron Wilcock for
the beautiful service. Your thoughtfulness
will always be remembered.
Leanne Clements, Bob Potter
and families.

*There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each one must go alone,
And there is a light we cannot see
Our Father claims He own
Beyond the gate, our loved ones
Find happiness and rest
And there is comfort in the thought
That a loving God knows best.*

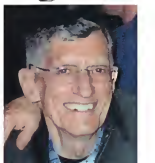
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Deaths



BARKER, William Robert (Bill) - Passed
away at home on February 8th, 2012. He
will be sadly missed by his son Gord and
grandchildren: Matthew, Kasey, and Ella
Rose, along with his brother Gordon (Ruth)
Barker and sisters Donna (George) Jells,
Lynne (Fred) Willers Van Dyk, sister-in-law
Betty Barker and brother-in-law Jim Hogan.
He joins in heaven his son Robert (Bob)
along with his brother Gerald and sister
Joan. He will be fondly remembered by Ellie
Barnes and family as well as his many
nieces and nephews. **BENNER FUNERAL
SERVICES** (1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie)
entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will
take place at **ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN
CHURCH** (32 Lakeshore Street-corner of
Niagara Blvd. and Gilmore Road) on Friday
February 10th from 1pm-3pm. The service
will immediately follow in the sanctuary at
3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be
made to Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey
Association; cards are available at the
funeral home.



DAFOE, Joan Esther nee Clark -
Peacefully at Billings Court Menor on
Monday, February 6, 2012 at the age of 80.
Beloved wife of John for 57 years. Loving
mother of Leslie, Gregory, Lisa and Jeffrey.
Chartered grandmother of Matthew Datoe,
Nicholas Uhlig and Christopher Uhlig.
Service of Remembrance will be held at St.
Christopher's Anglican Church, 662 Guelph
Line, Burlington on Monday, February 13,
2012 at 11 a.m. Those wishing to make a
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Deaths



FRENCH, Andy - Suddenly and unexpectedly on February 7th, 2012. Survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Gerlie, Cherished father of Leon, Fern and Jeanne (Fred) Eade. Much loved "Poppa" of Julie Wolbert, Penny Wilson, Lori Noble, Dale Eade, Bill French and Michelle Nicholson. He will be deeply missed by 15 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandson. Andy is also survived by 3 brothers and 1 sister and is pre-deceased by 8 siblings. He was a proud sergeant in R.C.A.S.C. and enjoyed being an entertainer within the community with a love of playing the fiddle. He was a devoted Catholic to his beloved church and will be sadly missed by all. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** (1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie) entrusted with arrangements. Visitation took place Thursday February 9th, 2012 from 2-4pm and from 7-9pm. Mass of Christian Burial took place from St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church (810 Central Ave. Fort Erie) on Friday February 10th, 2012 at 11am. Right of Committal immediately followed at Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Michael's Parish; cards are available at the funeral home.

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Deaths



ROSSI, Anselmo (Sam) - At Douglas Memorial Hospital, Fort Erie on Sunday, February 5th, 2012 in his 87th year. Beloved husband of Nera (Parazader) Rossi of Ridgeway. Loving father of "Fred" (Paule) and his children, the late Megan, and Fred Jr., his son Sam Jr. (Sue) and their children Samantha, Lucas and Noah. Predeceased by his stepdaughter Anne Marie Lambert and survived by her husband Dave and their son Jackson. Dear brother-in-law of George (Carole) Parazader and Steve (Susie) Parazader and their children and grandchildren. Dear brother of Ines (late Achille) Baldi and late Mario (late Marie) Rossi. Zo of Bruno (Grazia), Carlo (Vanda) and Lucia (Paulo) and families in Italy. Sam was a Veteran of WWII and a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71. He was a well-known contractor, Anselmo Rossi Ltd. — Rossi and Expert in the Fort Erie area for many years, an avid gardener and a fisherman. A special thank you to First and Second Floor Nurses at Douglas Memorial Hospital, Dr. David Henry and Dr. Kim Eric Soher. The family will receive their friends at the **HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME**, 21 Wintemute Street, Fort Erie on Wednesday, February 8th from 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. with a Celebration of Sam's life directly following. If so desired memorial donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. On-line condolences www.hammondanddavsonfuneralhome.com

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In memoriam

Douglas M. Miller
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With all the love we have.
There is love in the lake now,
Robins to come in the spring.
Love to come back.
The summer they'll bring.
But no matter what time goes by,
Our hearts and love are with you always.
Love always, Sharon, Jerry and Curtis.

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Alzheimer's can't take our memory to itself.
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Deaths

SAUER, Jim - Suddenly at the West Lincoln Memorial on February 7th, 2012. Jim will be deeply missed by his loving wife Carol, children Vicki (Murray) Bieckum and James Martin (Stacy) Sauer. Much loved Poppe of O'Neil, Oniqua, William, Marcus, Samantha, Lilly, Jackson and Cassidy. He also is survived by his brother Calvin (Celina) Hill and numerous nieces and nephews. He is pre-deceased by his parents Bertha and Edwin Sauer and his sister Viola (Edwin) Ehrmann. Jim was a man who embraced life, loved his family and lived it to the fullest. He was a long time valued employee of Harris Steel Group and a member of The White Birch Lodge. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** (1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie) entrusted with arrangements. Visitation will take place on Friday February 10th, 2012 from 5-9pm and on Saturday February 11th, 2012 from 10am until time of service in the Benner Funeral Chapel at 11am. Interment to follow at McAtee Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society; cards are available at the funeral home.

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TACKNEY, Joseph Michael - Suddenly at home on February 6th, 2012. Joe is survived by his best friend Gayle, sisters Monica and Kerry and his nieces. Joe will be sadly missed by his many friends and coworkers. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** (1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie) entrusted with arrangements. Visitation was held on Thursday February 9th, 2012 and on Friday, services immediately followed Friday in the Benner Funeral Chapel. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, cards are available at the funeral home.

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Deaths



WALLS, Constance Louise - Peacefully with her family by her side at Great St. Ignace Niagara General Hospital on February 5th, 2012 in her 81st year. Beloved wife of the late Victor (2007), she was the loving mother of 11 children: Vic (Debbie), Doreen (Roy), George (Emily), Starr (Basil), Debra-Ann (Frank), Linda (Kevin), Marion (Don), Gord (Debbie), James (Susan), Cindy (Dave) and Paula. Connie was the proud grandmother of 24 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandsons. She was the dearest sister of Betty Connor and Audrey Brooks and was pre-deceased by a daughter, Bill-Joe and 12 siblings. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and sisters and brothers in law and beloved special friend Louis Natli and his family. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** (1105 Benner Ave. Fort Erie) entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Tuesday February 7th, from 2-4 and 7-9pm. Funeral Service took place in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday February 8th, at 11am. Cremation followed. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Cards are available at the funeral home.

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In memoriam

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Top free throw shooters advance to next round

About 1,153 shooters from 11 elementary schools and four secondary schools took part in the Knights of Columbus Immaculate Conception Free Throw Championship at the YMCA on Feb. 19.

This event was the culmination of school playoffs which began in December and finished in January.

Players from three schools took home two first place finishes at this year's free throw championship.

Finishing in first place for the nine-year-old category were Samuel Belfuss and Lulu Antonucci, of St. Joseph School. Both scored eight out of 15 and 12 out of 15 baskets.

Bertie Public School's Katie Young, 10, and Matthew Bolton, 11, earned their first place titles, netting eight out of 15 and 12 out of 15 foul shots.

Brennan Iannandrea and Vanessa Lorochelle,

from Rose Seaton, were successful in the 12 and 13-year-old categories, scoring eight out of 15 and 10 out of 20 shots.

Other champions include Matt Fitzpatrick from Stevensville Public, scoring eight out of 15 and 12 out of 15 shots in the 10 year-old category.

Mary Kate Pacinsky, of St. Philomena, took the 11 year-old trophy after scoring 7 out of 15 shots. Garrison Road's Siana Dorton won the 12 year-old trophy scoring eight out of 15 shots.

Hunter Preece from Niagara Christian Community College took home the 13 year-old trophy sinking 12 out of 15 and Jacob Aquilina from Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School took home his second title as champion in the 14 year-old category, sinking 10 out of 15 shots.

Fort Erie's champions have qualified for the district championship and

they will travel to Niagara Falls to compete on Feb. 18.

Fort Erie's own celebrities also held their own free throw competition and the Blue Knights, lead by Cory Annett, defeated the Red Nites, led by Scott Maskell 19-14.

Mark Teal, a teacher from Lakeshore Catholic High School made 60 per cent of his free throw attempts while Scott Herron, CEO of Niagara Christian Community of Schools earned second place.

Other celebrity participants included Jason Clarke, vice-principal of Garrison Road, Kim Craitor, MPP, Lindsay Teal, representing Fort Erie Secondary, Matt Thomas from Crystal Beach School, Randy Paura, Grand Knight of Immaculate Conception Council No. 3320 and Times editor Kris Dubé, who was unable to capture his fourth consecutive celebrity title.

Meteors split last two games against Buffalo Blades

Matt McNevin

Special to the Times

The Fort Erie Meteors were able to capitalize on the power play Sunday night to defeat the Buffalo Jr. Blades 8-3.

The Meteors, who had lost five straight games at home coming in, scored four power play goals on 11 chances in front of their fans at the Fort Erie Leisureplex.

One of those power play goals was scored by defenseman Dallas Ingram.

"It [the power play] is starting to come around again," Ingram said. "We had a great power play at the beginning of

the season and it slowed down, but it's starting to heat up again going into a time that counts."

Fort Erie had penalty trouble as well, taking 10 throughout the game, three of which were taken by Ingram.

Meteors head coach Clint Strachan said the team can't keep playing short-handed if they want to win, but it worked out last Saturday.

"We didn't play necessarily the game plan we wanted to, but we found a way to make it work and come out with the two points... a win is a win."

Fort Erie's most offensive player during the game was Jordan Bailey, who scored two

goals, including the opening goal, and had four assists, one of which set up the eventual game-winning goal.

Ingram said Bailey played well, but he didn't want to tell him.

"I really don't want to get his head any bigger than it already is or he won't be able to walk out of the rink," Ingram said jokingly. "He capitalized on his opportunities and made some nice plays. His first goal was good and it got us started."

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The local squad plays home games on Wednesday at Oakes Park and travels throughout the region during the week and on weekends. The team also competes in the Ontario Baseball Association tournament every year.


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